

# MOTHER GOOSE & MORE

## PARENT/CHILD PLAY RHYMES



**ACKA BACKA SODA CRACKER** (on [Baby-O!](#) by MaryLee Sunseri) [video](#)

Acka backa soda cracker	<i>bounce baby on your lap</i>
Acka backa boo	
Acka backa soda cracker, up goes you!	<i>lift baby up</i>
Acka backa soda cracker	<i>bounce two times on each side</i>
Acka backa boo	
Acka backa soda cracker, I love you!	<i>give a kiss or hug</i>

**BE MY LITTLE BABY BUMBLE BEE** (by Henry Marshall & Stanley Murphy, adapted) [video](#)

Be my little baby bumble bee	<i>bounce baby</i>
Buzz around, buzz around, buzzing all around	<i>lift baby</i>
Bring home all your honey love to me	
Cuddle up, cuddle up, come and cuddle up	<i>hug baby</i>
I love you from head to toe	<i>touch baby's head and toes</i>
And I want you to keep on buzzing so	<i>lift baby</i>
Be my little baby bumble bee	<i>bounce baby</i>
Buzzy buzzy!	<i>lift baby</i>

**BUTTERFLY GALS** (tune: "Buffalo Gals," words by MaryLee Sunseri, [Grasshoppers Three](#))

Butterfly gals won't you come out tonight	<i>put hands together to make fluttering wings</i>
Come out tonight, come out tonight,	
Butterfly gals won't you come out tonight	
And fly by the light of the moon	

Put your antennae in, your antennae out	<i>put index fingers to forehead, in and out</i>
Your antennae in, your antennae out,	
Put your antennae in, your antennae out	
And fly by the light of the moon	

Put your wings in, your wing out  
Your wings in, your wings out,  
Put your wings in, your wings out  
And fly by the light of the moon

*put hands to shoulders for wings, in and out*

Repeat 1st verse

*put hands together to make fluttering wings*

**CRISS CROSS APPLESAUCE** (on [Tickles and Tunes](#) by Kathy Reid-Naiman)

Criss cross  
Applesauce  
Caterpillar up your back  
Cool breeze  
Tight squeeze  
Now you've got the shivers!

*make an "X" on baby's back  
clap baby's hands  
crawl your fingers up baby's back  
blow on baby's cheek or neck  
hug baby  
tickle baby*

**DIDDLEY DIDDLEY DUMPTY** (on [Up and Over the Moon](#) by Debbie Carroll) [video](#)

Diddle diddley dumpty  
The cat ran up the plum tree  
Give her a plum  
And down she'll come  
Diddle diddley dumpty

*bounce baby  
tickle up baby's back  
kiss baby's cheek  
tickle down baby's back  
bounce baby*

**DOWN BY THE BANKS OF THE HANKY PANKY** (on [Sally Go Round the Sun](#) by Kathy Reid-Naiman)

Down by the banks of the Hanky Panky  
Where the bullfrog jumps from bank to banky  
He went flip, flop, belly flop  
Till he missed the lily pad and went kerplop!

*bounce baby  
bounce baby from one knee to another  
bounce baby from one knee to another  
bounce baby*

**ELEVATOR SONG** (Tune: "Turkey in the Straw," on [Baby-O!](#) by MaryLee Sunseri) [video](#)

Oh, the city is great and the city is grand  
There are lots of tall buildings  
On a little piece of land  
We live way up on the fifty-seventh floor  
And this is what we do  
When we go out the door:  
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down (3 x)  
Then we spin around

*bounce baby on your lap  
  
  
  
  
lift baby up, lower baby down  
sway baby in a circle on your lap*

**GOODBYE SONG** (tune: Goodnight Ladies) [video](#)

Goodbye boys, goodbye girls, goodbye grownups  
We're glad you came today  
Keep on bouncing  
Keep on tickling  
Keep on reading  
We'll see you here next time!

*wave  
clap in rhythm  
bounce baby  
tickle baby  
open hands to create a book  
wave*

**GREY SQUIRREL** (on [Baby-O!](#) by MaryLee Sunseri) [video](#)

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel  
swish your bushy tail

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel  
swish your bushy tail

Wrinkle up your funny nose

Stick a nut between your toes

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel  
swish your bushy tail

*bounce baby*

*joggle baby gently side to side*

*bounce baby*

*joggle baby gently side to side*

*touch baby's nose*

*touch baby's toes*

*bounce baby*

*joggle baby gently side to side*

**HELLO EVERYBODY** [video](#)

Well, hello everybody and how are you?

How are you, how are you?

Well, hello everybody and how are you?

How are you today?

*clap hands in rhythm*

**HERE'S A POT OF TEA** (on [Up and Over the Moon](#) by Debbie Carroll)

Here's a cup

And here's a cup

And here's a pot of tea

Pour a cup

And pour a cup

And drink it up with me

And drink it up with me

*make circle with fingers*

*make circle with fingers*

*make circle with both hands*

*pantomime holding pot and pouring*

*pantomime holding pot and pouring*

*pantomime drinking from tea cup*

*pantomime drinking from tea cup*

**HICKORY DICKORY DOCK** (on many recordings including [The Best of Wee Sing](#))

Hickory dickory dock

The mouse ran up the clock

The clock struck one

The mouse ran down

Hickory dickory dock

*sway baby from side to side*

*tickle your fingers up baby's back*

*clap hands once*

*tickle your fingers down baby's back*

*sway baby from side to side*

*Repeat "the clock struck two, three" etc.*

**A HIPPOPOTAMUS GOT ON THE CITY BUS** [video](#)

A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus

Got on, got on, got on the city bus

And everybody said "You're squeezing us!"

*bounce baby*

*hug baby*

A cow, a cow, a cow got on the bus

And my, oh my, did that kick up a fuss

And everybody said "Moooooooooove over!"

*bounce baby*

*lean baby to side*

A sheep, a sheep, a sheep got on the bus

And my, oh my, did that kick up a fuss

And everybody said "baaaaaaaack up!"

*bounce baby*

*lean back with baby*

### **HONK HONK, MOTHER GOOSE** (tune: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")

Honk honk, Mother Goose.  
Have you any feathers loose?  
"Yes, indeed, my pretty fellow.  
Quite enough to fill a pillow!"  
Honk honk, Mother Goose.  
Have you any feathers loose?

*bounce baby on your lap*  
*tickle baby's sides*  
*bounce baby*  
*hug baby*  
*bounce baby on your lap*  
*tickle baby's sides*

### **HUMPTY DUMPTY** (on [Mother Goose Melodies](#) by MaryLee Sunseri)

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall  
Humpty Dumpty  
Had a great fall  
All the King's horses  
And all the King's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again

*bounce baby on your lap*  
  
*lean baby to side*  
*continue bouncing*  
  
*end with a hug*

### **ITSY BITSY SPIDER** [video](#)

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain  
And washed the spider out  
Out came the sun  
And dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again!

*tickle up baby's back or wiggle "spidery" fingers*  
*make "raining down" gesture*  
*hands together and then out to sides quickly*  
*hands in circle around head*

The itsy bitsy spider  
Met a baby bug  
"Hi" said the spider  
And gave the bug a hug  
"Ugh!" said the bug, "your hug is much too tight."  
"I'm sorry," said the spider, "I meant to be polite!"

*wiggle "spidery" fingers*  
*make antennae with fingers*  
*wave "hi"*  
*hug*  
*hands to face to look alarmed*  
*hands out with palms up to look apologetic*

So...(repeat 1st stanza)

### **A KISS LIKE THIS** (tune: "The Mexican Hat Dance," from the book by Mary Murphy) [video](#)

A giraffe kiss is gentle and tall, like this  
A mouse kiss is quick and small, like this  
A fish kiss is fizzy and bubbly, like this  
A bee kiss is fuzzy and buzzy, like this

*kiss baby gently*  
*kiss quickly*  
*blow raspberries on baby's neck or tummy*  
*"buzz" fingers around baby, kiss*

An elephant kiss is toot-tooty, like this  
An owl kiss is tu-wit tu-wooty, like this  
My oh my, look, everybody's kissing  
Now there's only one kiss that is missing  
Your kiss, like this!

*trumpet like an elephant, kiss again!*  
*make owl eyes with fingers, and another kiss...*  
  
*kiss one last time, and give a big hug!*

**LADYBUG FLY** (on [Grasshoppers Three](#) by MaryLee Sunseri)

Ladybug, fly	<i>bounce then lift baby</i>
Ladybug, fly	<i>bounce then lift baby</i>
Fly over here	<i>lean right</i>
Fly over there	<i>lean left</i>
Fly up high	<i>lift baby high</i>
And fly down low	<i>bring baby down</i>
Around and around and around you go	<i>bounce baby in a circle on your lap</i>
Fly very fast	<i>bounce baby quickly</i>
And fly very slow	<i>bounce baby slowly</i>
Ladybug, fly!	<i>bounce then lift baby</i>

**JACK BE NIMBLE** (on [Wee Sing Mother Goose](#))

Jack be nimble	<i>bounce baby on your lap</i>
Jack be quick	
Jack jump over	<i>lift baby way up</i>
The candlestick!	
Jack jumped high	<i>lift baby up</i>
And Jack jumped low	<i>lower baby</i>
Jack jumped over	<i>lift baby in an arch</i>
And burned his toe!	<i>tickle/kiss baby's toe</i>

**JARVIS TO PORT DOVER** (by Kathy Reid-Naiman on [Reaching for the Stars](#))

While going down a bumpy road	<i>bounce baby on your lap</i>
From Jarvis to Port Dover	
My wheels got stuck inside a rut	
And I went tumbling over—whoops!	<i>lean baby to the right</i>
Over—whoops!	<i>lean baby to the left</i>
I went tumbling over—whoops!	<i>lean baby to the right</i>

**KANGAROO BROWN** (on [Say Hello to the Morning](#) by Kathy Reid-Naiman) [video](#)

Jump, jump Kangaroo Brown	<i>bounce baby on lap</i>
Jump, jump, off to town!	
Jump, jump, uphill and down	<i>lift baby high</i>
Jump, jump Kangaroo Brown	<i>bounce baby</i>

**LITTLE BITTY BUG** (on [Grasshoppers Three](#) by MaryLee Sunseri) [video](#)

A little bitty bug	<i>bounce baby on your lap</i>
Too small to hug	<i>hug baby</i>
Sittin' on a rug, just sittin' on a rug	
And then to show his might	
He took a daring flight	<i>make fingers fly like a bug</i>
He landed on my nose	<i>tickle baby's nose</i>
Then, what do you suppose?	
He flew down to my toes!	<i>tickle baby's toes</i>

**LITTLE RED WAGON** (on [Wiggleworms Love You](#) by Old Town School of Folk Music)

Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon      *bounce baby on your lap*  
Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon  
Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon  
Won't you be my darlin'?      *hug*

Up and down the hill      *bring knees up and down*  
and around the corner      *lean baby to the side*  
Up and down the hill and around the corner      *repeat above*  
Up and down the hill and around the corner      *repeat above*  
Won't you be my darlin'?      *hug*

Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards      *lean back*  
Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards      *lean back*  
Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards      *lean back*  
Won't you be my darlin'?      *hug*

**MY GRANDFATHER CLOCK** (on [Reaching for the Stars](#) by Kathy Reid-Naiman)

My grandfather clock goes      *bounce baby slowly*  
'tick tock tick tock'  
My little kitchen clock goes  
'tick tock tick tock tick tock'      *a little faster*  
My little wrist watch goes  
'tick tick tick tick tick tick tick tick' STOP!      *quickly*

**NOBLE DUKE OF YORK** (on [1,2,3 Sing with Me](#) by MaryLee Sunseri)

Oh, the noble Duke of York      *bounce baby*  
He had ten thousand men  
He marched them up to the top of the hill      *lift baby*  
And he marched them down again      *lower baby*  
And when you're up, you're up      *lift baby*  
And when you're down, you're down      *lower baby*  
And when you're only half way up      *lift baby part way up*  
You're neither up nor down!      *lift baby up and down*

Oh, he marched them to the left      *lean left*  
And he marched them to the right      *lean right*  
He marched them up and over the hill      *lift and sweep baby in an arch*  
Oh what a silly sight!      *bounce*

**OH MR. SUN** (on [1,2,3 Sing with Me](#) by MaryLee Sunseri)

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun      *put arms in circle around head*  
Please shine down on me  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun  
Hiding behind a tree      *make branches with arms up high*  
These little children are asking you      *make imploring motion with hands clasped*  
To please come out so they can play with you  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun      *put arms in circle around head*



Please shine down on me

Oh Mrs. Moon, Moon, bright and silvery Moon  
*Repeat the rest as with Mr. Sun*

*make crescent moon shape with hand*

Oh baby stars, stars, little baby stars  
*Repeat the rest as with Mr. Sun*

*open and close fingers to make star bursts*

**OLD MOTHER GOOSE** (in [Richard Scarry's Best Mother Goose Ever](#))

Old Mother Goose when she wanted to wander  
Would fly through the air on her very fine gander

*bounce baby on your lap*  
*lift baby high or "fly" like an bird*

**PEEK A BOO**, tune: "Frere Jacques" ([What'll I Do With the Baby-o?](#) book & CD by Jane Cobb)

Peek a boo, peek a boo  
I see you, I see you  
I see your button nose  
I see your tiny toes  
Peek a boo  
I see you!

*cover eyes and reveal them*  
*point to self and then baby*  
*touch baby's nose*  
*touch baby's toes*  
*cover eyes and reveal them*  
*point to self and then baby*

**PUSSYCAT PUSSYCAT** [video](#)

Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been?  
I've been to London to visit the Queen  
Pussycat, pussycat, what did you there?  
I frightened a little mouse under her chair!

*bounce baby on your lap*  
  
  
*tickle baby*

**ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN** (on [Baby-O!](#) by MaryLee Sunseri) [video](#)

Round and round the garden  
Goes the teddy bear  
One step  
Two steps  
Tickley under there!

*make a circle on baby's palm or tummy*  
  
*"walk" on baby's wrist or tummy*  
*"walk" up to the crook of baby's elbow or chest*  
*tickle under baby's arm or neck*

Round and round the haystack  
Goes the little mouse  
One step  
Two steps  
In his little house!

*make a circle on baby's palm or tummy*  
  
*"walk" on baby's wrist or tummy*  
*"walk" up to the crook of baby's elbow or chest*  
*tickle under baby's arm or neck*

**SMOOTH ROAD TO LONDON TOWN** (on [A Smooth Road to London Town](#) by Kathy Reid-Naiman)

A smooth road to London town  
A smooth road to London town  
The road goes up and the road goes down  
A smooth road to London town  
But...by and by we come to a dell  
And there the roads are not so swell

*bounce baby gently on your lap*  
  
  
*raise and lower knees*

A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road  
To London town  
A smooth road to London town  
A smooth road to London town  
The road goes up and the road goes down  
A smooth road to London town  
But...by and by we come to a wood  
And there the roads are not so good  
A rough road, a rough road, a rough road  
To London town

*bounce baby more vigorously*  
*bounce baby gently on your lap*  
*raise and lower knees*  
*bounce baby more vigorously still*

### **THIS LITTLE PIGGY** (on [This Little Piggy](#) book & CD by Jane Yolen)

This little piggy went to market  
This little piggy stayed home  
This little piggy had roast beef (or other favorite)  
This little piggy had none  
And this little piggy cried  
Wee Wee Wee Wee Wee!  
All the way home

*touch baby's fingers or toes*  
*as you name each little "piggy"*  
  
*"walk" your fingers up baby's*  
*arm or leg to baby's chin –*  
*and tickle!*

### **TO MARKET, TO MARKET** [video](#)

To market to market  
To buy a fat pig  
Home again, home again, jiggety jig  
To market, to market  
To buy a fat hog  
Home again, home again, jiggety jog

*bounce baby on your lap*

To market, to market  
To buy a sweet treat  
Home again, home again, apples to eat  
To market, to market to buy a plum bun  
Home again, home again, market is done

*bounce baby on your lap*

### **WHEELS ON THE BUS** [video](#)

The wheels on the bus go round and round  
Round and round, round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All through the town!

*turn hands around each other*  
  
*large sweeping outward circle with hands*

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish  
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep  
The sisters on the bus play peek-a-boo  
The brothers on the bus go tickle, tickle, tickle  
The mommies and the daddies say "I love you"

*arms and hands "swish" back and forth*  
*touch baby's nose with each beep*  
*play peek a boo with baby*  
*tickle baby!*  
*hug baby*



**WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING** (“When Ducks Get Up in the Morning” [Baby-O!](#) by M. Sunseri)

When cows get up in the morning  
they always say “good day”

*nod head in greeting*

When cows get up in the morning  
they always say “good day”

Moo-moo, moo-moo, that is what they say  
Moo-moo, moo-moo, that is what they say

*make baby sign for cow (horns)*

*Repeat with ducks (“quack, quack”), pigs (“oink, oink”), any animal!, and I (“hello, hello”)*

**YOU OUGHT TO SEE MY BABY** (tune: “Cindy,” words by MaryLee Sunseri, on [Baby-O!](#))

You ought to see my baby

*bounce baby on your lap*

My baby loves to bounce

And every time we sing this song

We bounce and bounce and bounce

Get along home, little baby (3 times)

We'll bounce and bounce and bounce!

*Repeat, substituting ‘stretch,’ ‘clap,’ etc. for ‘bounce’*

**Zoom Zoom Zoom** (on [I'm Me!](#) by Charlie Hope)

Zoom, zoom, zoom!

*rub your or baby's hands up and down*

We're going to the moon!

Zoom, zoom, zoom!

We'll be there very soon!

If you want to take a trip

Climb aboard my rocket ship

Zoom, zoom, zoom!

We're going to the moon!

5, 4, 3, 2, 1—

Blast off!

*lower baby down, between your knees  
lift baby up high for “blast off”*

